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1. On or about 16 April 1952, an unspecified number of reservists were called up in the Topolovgrad area.
2. In mid-April 1952, rumors in Topolovgrad claimed that there was an epidemic of an unknown disease in Sofia, Plovdiv, and Burgas. Symptoms of the sickness are allegedly abdominal and back pains. It is said that the disease causes 150 deaths per day in Sofia and that the Americans are spreading the disease.
3. Many soldiers arrived in the Topolovgrad area recently and are cleaning up old trenches and digging new ones between Ustun and Krumovo villages. The work is done at night.
4. On 21 April 1952, an unspecified number of unidentified Army units arrived in the area between Studena and Sladun villages, Svilengrad district. They are cleaning old trenches and digging new ones. The work is done at night.
5. On 21 April 1952, an unspecified number of unidentified Army units arrived in the area between Konstantinovo and Filipovo and between Filipovo and Greda Bair (sic), about two kilometers north of the Tundzha River.
6. On 22 April 1952, at approximately 4:00 p.m., some "military men" ordered the shepherds in the Filipovo area to withdraw all sheep from the border area at least as far back as Filipovo because the military needed the area.

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